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Title: TISSUE REPAIR SYSTEM

The prior application is assigned of record to Smith & Nephew, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on November 8, 2001 at 012301/0954.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Form PTO-1449, 5 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Preliminary Amendment (3 pages)
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/986,376, filed November 8, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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